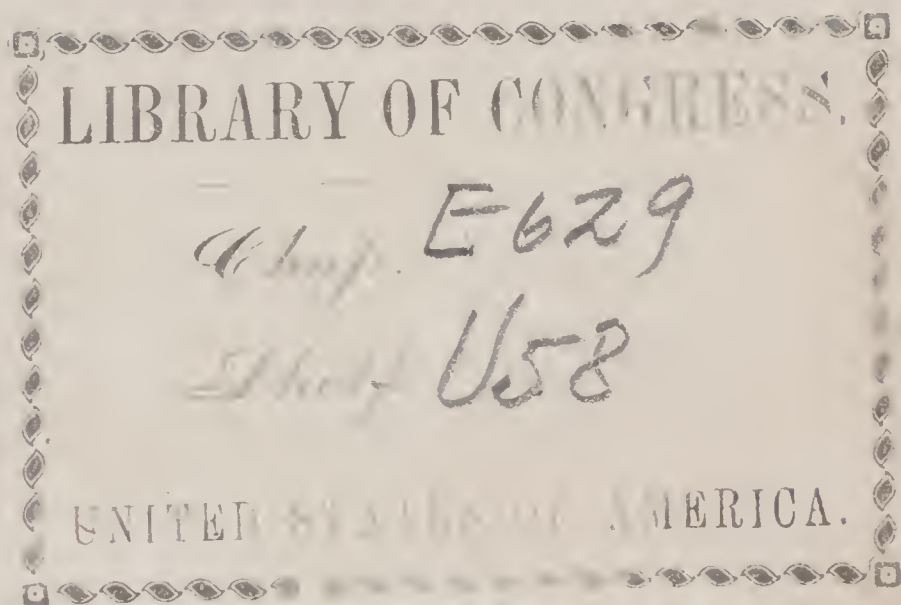


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A BRIEF ACCOUNT

OF THE

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OF THE

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REPORT.

THE ever memorable 19th day of April, 1861, on which was shed the first blood of our patriot Brothers of Massachusetts, by the instigators and friends of Rebellion, aroused in the hearts and minds of the loyal portion of our people a determined spirit and support of the Washington Government, which, after a few days reign of terror by the semi-Rebel City Authorities, obtained the ascendancy and proved their devotion to the Union by the voluntary, though irregular aid rendered to the volunteers on their way to defend the capital from the expected rebel horde of the seceded states. As the loyal feeling strengthened and increased, the need of organized effort and services was supplied by the formation of the UNION RELIEF ASSOCIATION on the 28th of June, 1861, which was perfected through the exertions of, JOHN T. GRAHAM, WILLIAM ROBINSON, JOHN W. BUTLER, JOHN B. ROSE, S. MORRIS COCHRAN, MARCUS DENISON, GEORGE K. QUAIL, JOHN A. NEEDLES, JAMES A. COURTNEY, JAMES H. WOOD, JOB SMITH, J. R. JARBOE, DARIUS, WHEELER, GEORGE C. MAUND, S. F. STREETER, HERON C. MURRAY, JOHN C. TURNER, EML. C. CROCKER, GEO. C. ADDISON, J. T. PANCOAST, WM. COLLISON, GEO. F. NEEDHAM, SAML. H. EWING, R. STOCKETT MATHEWS,

HENRY STOCKBRIDGE, WM. S. RAYNER, AARON FENTON, A. M. CARTER, ARCHIBALD STIRLING, JOSEPH H. AUDOUN, SAML. E. TURNER, and others, who, regardless of the sneers of the disloyal in our midst, and relying on their loyal fellow-citizens for the means inaugurated a systematic mode of aiding, relieving and refreshing the patriotic soldiery while passing through our city. The success attending their efforts is fully established by their annual reports of 1862, '3 and '4, wherein it is shown that up to the 15th of April, 1864, they had fed, refreshed and relieved at their rooms, and under the personal supervision of some one or all of the Executive Committee upwards of One Million of United States officers, soldiers, teamsters and refugees from the rebel States in addition to a large number of sick, wounded, disabled, discharged and furloughed soldiers of whom no regular account was kept. The first house rented by the Association in June, 1861, being too limited. was soon vacated and two larger houses rented, which were also abandoned, and the two larger warehouses, 118 and 120 South Eutaw-st., fifty feet wide, one hundred and sixty-five feet in depth, and four stories in height, were rented and fitted with all the necessary fixtures for cooking, &c. and capable of seating and feeding at one sitting, at one hour's notice, at least one thousand soldiers, and in which as many as eight thousand persons have been comfortably and fully fed in twenty-four hours, which with the Hospital and Dormitories under the same roof, made it a perfect and model institution. The voluntary services, untiring zeal, industry, labor and time devoted and applied to the eminently praiseworthy

duty of relieving our brethren, and of upholding and strengthening the United States Government, was most nobly seconded from time to time by liberal appropriations by the State of Maryland, the City of Baltimore, our patriotic fellow townsmen and the liberal action of the national Government in the allowances and payments for rations issued by the Union Relief Association. Having thus for three years successfully conducted the Relief rooms, they were, at the instance of the Government, transferred to the United States Government officers on the 15th of April, 1864, and are now used by the Government as the Soldier's Rest. Although the Union Relief Association was thereby relieved of the arduous, yet grateful task of ministering to, and refreshing our passing soldiery, they have not relaxed in well doing, but have quietly continued in service as their special Agent, Mr. RICHARD KING, and have appropriated and paid large sums monthly, which, under his supervision, has been regularly expended in the purchase of useful articles, which are by him distributed amongst the Maryland troops in actual service, or in the army hospitals.

The crowning success of our Association is justly due to the earnest interest of the officers and the Executive Committee of the Association, of whom our late lamented Vice-President, SEBASTIAN F. STREETER, was the life and soul, being ever foremost in suggesting, perfecting and executing every measure for relieving and aiding the soldiers or their families. His lamented death, from disease contracted while visiting the Army of the Potomac, deprived our

country of a true patriot, and our Association of one of its most useful members.

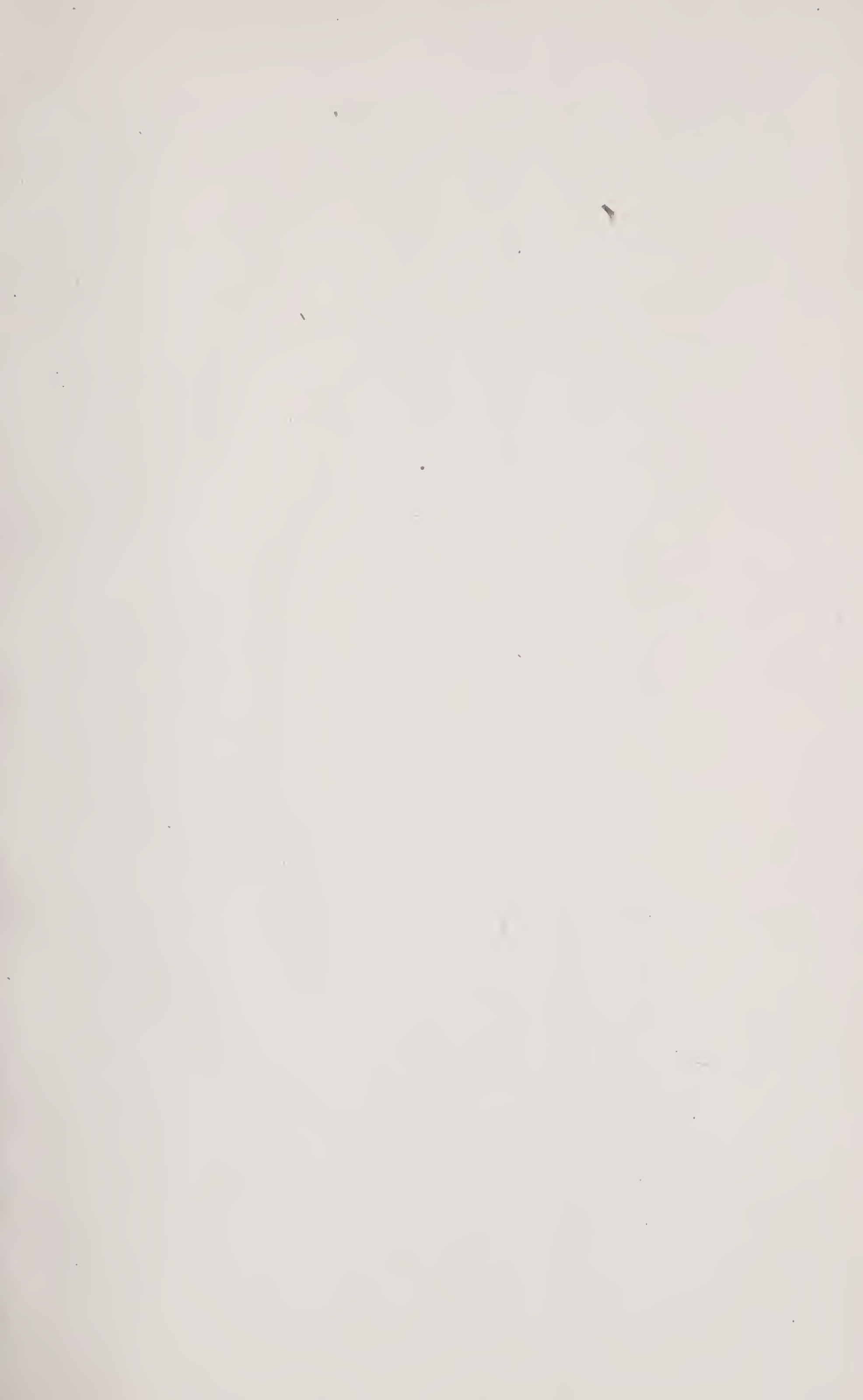
A faint idea of the practical utility of the Association may be gleaned from the fact that their disbursements in the last ten months of active operations exceeded the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; and for the three years were over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in money value, but above all value in effect, all being done by the officers and members of the Association, as a labor of love, without fee or reward, other than the conscientious discharge of duty to country.

The officers of the Association are :

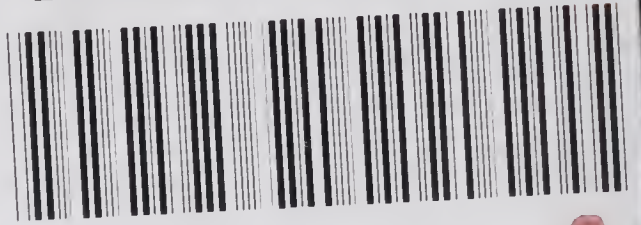
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